

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"I saw a movie once where only the police and military have guns. It was called Schindler's List."

- Unknown

"Debt Crisis" is a catch phrase that is being batted around in Washington these days. Of course the legislature is split right along party lines but frankly it is the truth. In our homes we reach a point when borrowing money stops when there is just no where else to borrow because there is no visible way of paying it back. The federal government solves that issue by just printing more greenbacks or selling deep pocket investors a revenue bond. Us folks out in all the rest of America pay the prices of the newly printed billions with a (taxable) dollar pay raise and a two (or three) dollar increase in the price of food, houses, etc. WE all like it when the federal dollars flow into the community as 'grants' but remember . . . the government doesn't have a single dollar that it doesn't get from the taxpayers (until they print some).

The news Monday was that Hunter Biden, son of the president, will plead guilty to federal tax charges and lying about drug use when purchasing a handgun. The misdemeanor tax charges are something that happens to lots of folks, but this guy is the son of the U. S. President. We expect the punishment to be minor, but mostly very embarrassing for the Biden family. But he is stepping up and facing the bullet, which will surely make the punishment much less than if he had fought the charges.

We can't help but compare Hunter's accepting things and Donald Trump's fighting (and denying) the mess over the classified documents he refused to return to the proper authorities. Odds are that if he has said, "Oops, I messed up but here are the secret documents," his involvement would only be a blip in the history books. Whatever happens he now will go in the history books as the first former president to be indicted in federal court. We like the words of Ohio U.S. Representative Mike Turner, who said, "I'm certainly not going to defend the behavior that is listed in that complaint, but they're going to have to prove it." That is about as fair as anyone has addressed the pending charges against Donald Trump.

Activity at City Hall is constantly generating new things. Some of it is good and some not so good . . . that is life. This week the action is the news of placing the Elba police chief on administrative leave. The streets are active with rumors relating to this event, but city officials are only saying the bare facts, acknowledging he is on administrative leave. Stay tuned for the second act of this play!!



The Moore You Know Column: Equal justice under law?

The phrase "Equal justice under law", based upon the 14th Amendment, is engraved on the front of the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. and is foundational to our justice system. But under the Biden Administration, equal justice has morphed into weaponized government. Biden's corrupt Justice Department has

gone after parents, Catholic

parishioners, pro-life Christians,

and now his top political opponent, Donald J.

Trump.

For years, the mainstream media has breathlessly reported on supposed schemes to influence our elections on behalf of Republicans. Yet the real evidence we have of election engineering is

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, June 13, 2023, and Monday, June 19, 2023, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, June 13 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 919 Flomoy Dr (2:29 a.m.); Lost/found property reported at 1584 Caroline St (7:40 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1215 Jones Circle (2:27 p.m.); Structure fire reported at 441 Plant Ave (8:39 p.m.).

Wednesday, June 14 – Theft of property reported 221 Davis St W (11:16 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave – w/warning issued (12:12 p.m.).

Thursday, June 15 – Suspicious vehicle reported at Annie's (1:45 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1397 Hwy 84 (2:24 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 832 Troy Hwy (7:36 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Friday, June 16 – Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (5:11 a.m.); Missing person reported at 7095 County Rd 410 (6:27 a.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police

(10:59 a.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 518 Williams Ave (2:02 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 923 Neil Grantham Dr (10:45 p.m.).

Saturday, June 17 – Suspicious person reported on Reese Ave (4:18 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported on West St (4:34 a.m.); Traffic accident reported on Hwy 84 (12:47 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Herman Driggers Dr (2:49 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 460 County Rd 401 (4:45 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at Powell Circle, Lot 12 (7:38 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one citation.

Sunday, June 18 – Harassment reported on West St (1:06 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 199 Virgil Coleman Dr (2:47 p.m.); Death investigation reported at 154 Yelverton Ave (3:41 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one arrest, and two verbal warnings.

Monday, June 19 – Noise complaint reported at 617 Putnam St (12:23 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1863 Reese Ave (12:15 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 2209 Taylor Mill Rd (12:28 p.m.); Stolen vehicle reported at 750 Herman Driggers Dr (1:18 p.m.); Theft of property reported to Elba Police (3:04 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2209 Taylor Mill Rd (3:44 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 20404 Hwy 87 (3:45 p.m.); Report of shots fired on Beaver Dam St (6:16 p.m.); Harassment reported to Elba Police (7:21 p.m.).

Biden indicting his opponent of espionage for mishandling classified documents by keeping them in a locked bathroom. Never mind President Clinton's sock drawer, Hilary Clinton's e-mails, or Biden's own garage.

From gas stoves to pistol braces, President Biden and the radical left want to use the bureaucracy to control

not in the hands of Biden's weaponized Justice Department.

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RESIDENT OF THE MONTH...Myra Kelley has been selected as the Serenity South assisted living facility's "Resident of the Month" for June. She is 86-years-old and likes to go shopping, and reading. She is a member of Basin Baptist Church. Myra has one son and one granddaughter, both of which she loves dearly. Myra has two sisters, Janice Hall and Patsy Goodson. She also has a bunch of nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

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Obituaries

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DONALD BRYANT

Mr. Donald Bryant, age 81, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Friday, June 16, 2023, at his home in the Damascus Community.

Private memorial services will be held at a later date. Hayes Funeral Home is serving the Bryant family.

Mr. Bryant was preceded in death by his parents, Frances Bell Sutley Bryant, and Ed Bryant; along with two children, Michael Bryant, and Anita Bryant.

Survivors include a niece whom he loved as his own: April Coppage, Elba; a daughter: Angie Tillery, Elba; sisters: Sue Cauley, Jeanette Daughtry, and Lela Parker, all of Elba, and Linda Ball, Pawnee Rock, Kan.; brothers: Phillip Bryant, Pigeon Forge, Tenn., Willie Bryant, Skipperville, Ala., and Ralph Bryant, Opp, Ala.; along with 11 grandchildren.

DUANE JOHN KELLNER

Mr. Duane John Kellner, age 85, a native of Medford, Wis., and longtime resident of Elba and Dothan, Ala.

departed his earthly life Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

He was a proud Army Veteran who loved vintage cars, and tractors. He also enjoyed old western movies and watching car auctions. Roaming a hardware store and working outside or in the garage was also a favorite pastime.

After his service in the Army, Duane worked offshore for Shell Oil Company and then finished his career as a helicopter mechanic at Fort Rucker.

The family will host a memorial service to honor and celebrate Duane's life on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at Aldridge Gardens, 3530 Loma Rd, Hoover, AL 35216. The family requests in memory of Duane for memorial donations to be made to the Parkinson's Foundation: www.parkinson.org

He is preceded in death by his parents, Andrew and Alvina Kellner; and his brother, Andrew Kellner Jr. Survivors include his adoring wife of 61 years: Helen Plant Kellner; his son: Scott Duane (Kara) Kellner; his daughter: Stephanie Michele (Joe) Kellner-Fiumefreddo; his grandson: Noah Kellner; three siblings: Clarise (Lee) Sheild, Deloria "Dee" Barron, Don (Shirley) Kellner.

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Options for Pallbearer Gifts

Although serving as a pallbearer is considered an honor by many, it is also important for surviving family members - specifically those arranging the funeral - to show their appreciation for the services these individuals provide. In some services, family members may fill this role if necessary, but most will ask close friends or congregation members to serve as active or honorary pallbearers. It is likely those fulfilling this role may find the experience emotional, and it is important to respect this response.

Providing a gift is a great way to say "thank you" and allow pallbearers to commemorate their own experience in the service. Some ideas for pallbearer gifts include:

Framed Photographs of the Deceased. Individuals may select a uniform photograph placed in a nice silver frame to give to all pallbearers, as a way for them to capture the memory of their deceased loved one. If possible, some may choose to personalize each gift by providing each pallbearer with a unique framed photo capturing his or her relationship with the deceased.

Customized Tokens of Appreciation. Those who want to do something special for the pallbearers' service may choose to select a customized gift for each individual. Apart from photographs, these tokens of appreciation may include simple jewelry pieces, pressed flowers from the funeral or an inscribed memorial plaque. Some may even choose to gift something of the deceased that correlates to his or her relationship with the pallbearer, such as a book or music album.

Thank You Notes. Although it is customary for pallbearers to send thank you notes to the surviving members of the family, those planning the funeral can also consider writing a message to honor the service of these individuals. Thank you notes can be brief and only need to express gratitude for support and service during the funeral.

There is no standard for pallbearer gifts, but those who opt to provide them should make sure the gesture is meaningful and honors the service - even if just a small token of gratitude.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net

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WILLIAM GREGORY "GREG" BRUNSON

William Gregory "Greg" Brunson, age 66, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at his home in Elba.

Memorial services were held Saturday, June 17, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Michael Woodham and Rev. Kit Johnson officiating.

Greg was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Claire and Emma Elizabeth Brunson; and a brother, Buddy Brunson.

Survivors include his wife: Janet Brunson, Elba; daughters: Allison Lee (Ashton) Mashburn, Montgomery, Ala., and Jane Graves, Elba; sons: William Christopher (Samantha) Brunson, Prattville, Ala., and Jerod (Ashley) Simmons, New Brockton, Ala.; grandson: Riley Simmons, New Brockton; granddaughters: Felicity Graves, and Breanna Graves, both of Elba; sister: Victoria English, Decatur, Ala.; brother: Winston (Dee) Brunson, Enterprise, Ala.; and his four legged son, Sam, who was a constant companion.

OMEGA FARRIS

Mr. Omega Farris, age 86, of New Brockton, Ala., died Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Omega was born in Elba, Ala., on April 10, 1937. He was the proprietor of Farris Superette, a country store, gas station, and tire re-cap shop in Elba. He moved his family to Orlando in 1972 and excelled in the framing carpentry trade during the Disney building boom. He returned to New Brockton in 1993 and built his retirement home on family land. He was an Air Force veteran.

A memorial service will be held Friday, July 7, 2023, at 3 p.m., at Sunset Memorial Park Chapel in Midland City, Ala.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years: Sherry Thompson Farris; two sons and daughters-in-law: Gary (Linda) Farris, Hickory, N.C., Lenny (Pat) Farris, Winter Garden, Fla.; two daughters and sons-in-law: Rhonda Fletcher (Charles), Orlando, Fla., Lori Vilece (Robert), Lake Mary, Fla.; two sisters: Sara Margaret Farris Pietrantonio, Lady Lake; Katie Farris Hudson (Ted), Auburn, Ala.; eight grandchildren: Sarah Marze (James), Amanda Mayhue (Johnathan), Mark, Brooke, Brett, Kaylee, Daniel, Lindsey;

along with two great grandchildren: James and Ava.

TAMRA LAWING

Ms. Tamra Lawing, age 73, of Equality, Ala., died Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Dadeville Health Care Center in Dadeville, Ala.

Memorial services were held Saturday, June 17, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Michael Woodham and Rev. Kit Johnson officiating.

Survivors include her son: Larry (Lucy) Lawing, Spring, Texas; daughter: Mary Ann Lawing, Houston, Texas; grandsons: Cameron (Ashley) Lawing, and Clayton Lawing, both of Montgomery, Ala.

Graveside services were held Friday, June 16, 2023, from Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery with Derek Snellgrove officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba, Ala. served the Lawing family.

Survivors include her son: Larry (Lucy) Lawing, Spring, Texas; daughter: Mary Ann Lawing, Houston, Texas; grandsons: Cameron (Ashley) Lawing, and Clayton Lawing, both of Montgomery, Ala.

Funeral services will be held Friday, June 23, 2023, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, beginning at 11 a.m., with Rev. Dustin Wisecarver officiating. Burial will follow in the Wise Mill Assembly of God Cemetery. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Friday from 10-11 a.m.

Mr. Simmons was preceded in death by his wife - Margaret Ann Simmons, daughter - Deborah Pugh, and sisters - Patricia Ann Johnson, and Linda Gail Jones.

Survivors include his daughter: Kasey (Justin) Odom, New Brockton, Ala.; son: Adam Meeks, Troy, Ala.; sister, Teresa (Rick) Bludsworth, Elba; and brother: Bobby (Donna) Simmons, Andalusia, Ala.

No formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Medley family.

Survivors include her husband: Shane Dwight Nelson, Brewton, Ala.; son: Adam Meeks, Troy, Ala.; mother: Sharon Ann Pugh, Elba; daughter: Lacey Lane Henderson, Elba; sons: Steven Fountain Medley, Ala.

Survivors include his daughter: Kasey (Justin) Odom, New Brockton, Ala.; son: Adam Meeks, Troy, Ala.; mother: Sharon Ann Pugh, Elba; daughter: Lacey Lane Henderson, Elba; sons: Steven Fountain Medley, Ala.

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CHURCH NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Steve Reneau, Pastor

Elba United Methodist Church

I invite you to read Matthew 10:24-39, and read the article below.

In a society driven by comfort, convenience, and individualism, the words of Jesus Christ, as recorded in the Gospel of Matthew, continue to resonate with a countercultural message. It challenges believers to embrace a radical commitment to discipleship, urging them to let go of personal desires, take up their crosses, and follow Jesus.

In this powerful passage, Jesus prepares the disciples for the difficult journey that lies ahead. He reminds them that no servant is greater than their master, implying that they should not expect an easier path than the one Jesus has walked. The verse reads, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master" (Matthew 10:24, NRSV).

The passage further delves into the societal challenges that await those who choose to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Jesus warns the disciples about the potential division within families and communities due to their faith. He says, "For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household" (Matthew 10:35-36, NRSV).

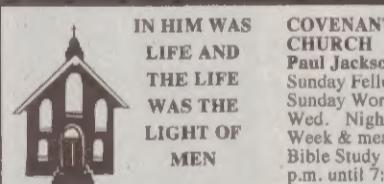
The radical demands of discipleship, as portrayed in this passage, include a willingness to bear the cross of persecution and self-sacrifice. Jesus declares, "Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 10:39, NRSV). These words highlight the paradoxical nature of Christian commitment, urging believers to let go of worldly attachments and trust in God's providence.

Moreover, Jesus encourages the disciples not to fear those who oppose their faith, reminding them of God's unwavering care and protection. He assures them, "Even the hairs of your head are all counted. So, do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:30-31, NRSV). This reassurance strengthens the disciples' resolve and provides them with the courage to face persecution and rejection.

The passage challenges believers today to examine their commitment to Christ and evaluate the extent to which they have embraced His teachings. It calls for a radical transformation of priorities, where selflessness and faithfulness become paramount. Jesus' words serve as a reminder that following Him involves sacrifice and a willingness to bear the cost of discipleship.

This passage resonates with Christians across generations, reminding them that the call to discipleship is not an easy one. It prompts believers to reflect on their own lives and consider how they can live out their faith authentically in a world that often values personal comfort over sacrificial love.

As the world continues to grapple with various societal and moral challenges, this scripture remains a beacon of hope and a call to action. It challenges believers to embrace a counter-cultural commitment to their faith, urging them to follow Jesus, even in the face of adversity. As modern-day disciples seek to navigate a complex and rapidly changing world, these words of Jesus offer guidance, encouragement, and a reminder that true fulfillment is found in wholeheartedly following Him, regardless of the sacrifices involved.



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Rockey Pearce, Pastor
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMON, ALA.

Richard Thor Jr., Pastor

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training... 3:00 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNION CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Paul Jackson, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.

Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Albert Rector, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Reneau, Pastor

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CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service... 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Linda Willis, Pastor

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Larry Martin, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

MT. ZION COGIC CHURCH

Leanne Williams, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Evening... 7:00 p.m.

NEW HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC CHURCH

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

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LIFESTYLES

Country Cathedral Church to host Women's Conference this Saturday, June 24, in Opp, Ala

Country Cathedral Church, located at 31022 US Hwy. 84 E, Opp, Ala., will host Saturday, June 24, its Women's Conference 2023.

There is no cost to participate, and door prizes will be given away.

Registration begins at 9:15 a.m. with a morning service at 10 a.m. Lunch

All women are invited to attend.

Harris Temple Church family to honor Assistant Pastor Johnathan Lockett

Supt. William K. Ellison and The Harris Temple Church Family pause to celebrate one of God's chosen vessels in the person of Assistant Pastor Johnathan Lockett.



All are invited to come to an Appreciation Service honoring Elder Lockett this Saturday, June 24, at 6 p.m., at Harris Temple COIC. Guest Speaker: Pastor Mark Moore Jr. - Senior Pastor of Faith Covenant Church in Atlanta, Georgia!

Seniors age 60 and older encouraged to get active with Elba Senior Center

Seniors age 60 and older are encouraged to attend the Elba Senior Citizens Center.

Along with nutritious meals five days a week, the director works with seniors to help them apply for several programs they may qualify, including Farmers Market Vouchers, HRDC-Energy Assistance, Food Assistance, Medicaid Waiver, Senior Rx Program, Medicare Savings Program, etc. Seniors must be an active participant at the Elba Senior center for the director to sign them up for the qualifying pro-

grams.

To become a center participant, attendance is not based on income. This is a social place to come have fun and find or make new friends. If interested in joining the center stop by or call (334) 897-3019. The center is located at 304 N. Factory Ave. (across from the Elba Police Department).

Seniors age 60 and older that cannot come to the center may qualify for meals being brought to their home.

For questions, call center director Donna Falls at (334) 897-3019.

ADPH reports statewide increase in cyclosporainfections

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) is investigating multiple reports of Cyclosporainfection statewide. ADPH has seen more infections with this parasite since April, and there are more than twice as many cases as were reported in Alabama last year.

Cyclosporiasis is a gastrointestinal illness caused by a microscopic parasite. In the U.S., people can get sick with cyclosporiasis by eating fresh produce that was grown outside the U.S. and contaminated with Cyclospora.

Cyclosporiasis can be mild or serious and cause an illness that can result in prolonged gastrointestinal (gut) distress, including watery diarrhea with frequent, sometimes explosive, bowel movements that can last for weeks. In severe cases, Cyclospora infection can require hospitalization. Most people with healthy immune systems will recover without treatment. Some people may require treatment, such as people with poor health or weakened immune systems, including those with HIV/AIDS, cancer, or taking immunosuppressive medications.

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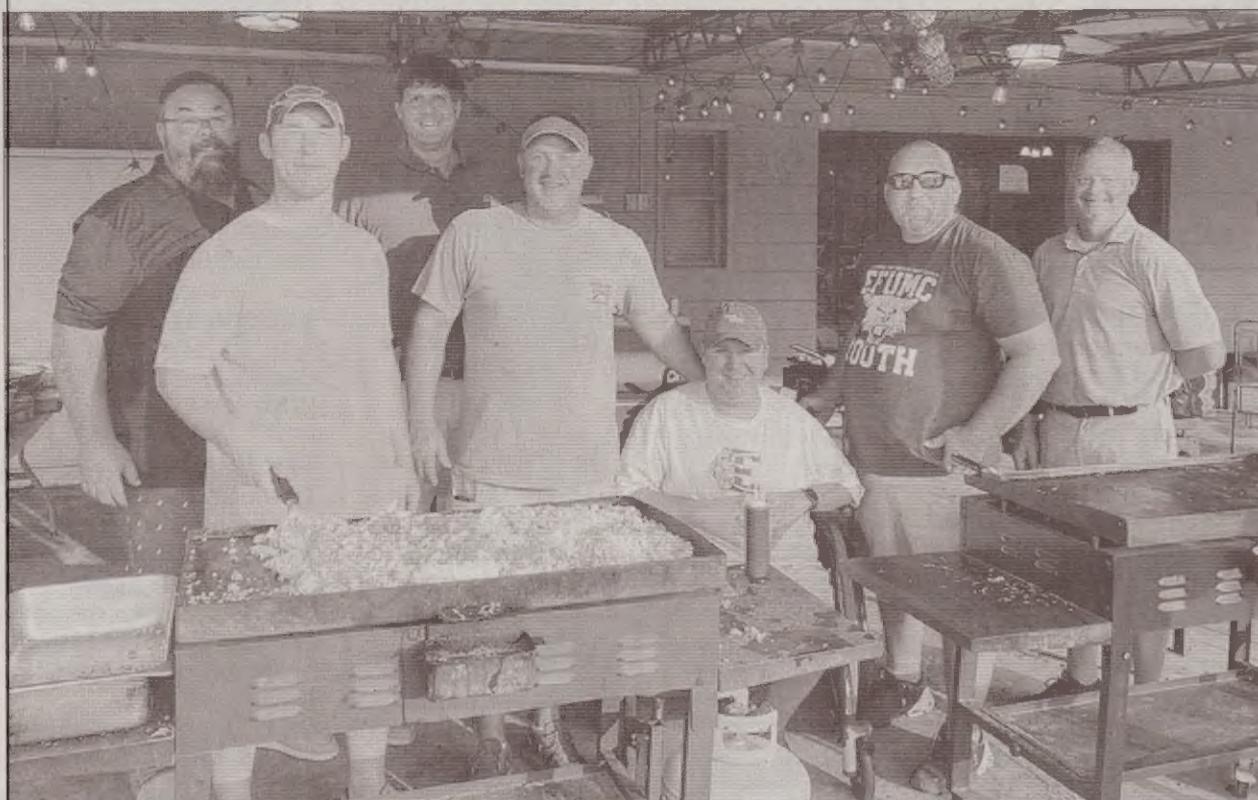
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THAT'S A LOT OF RICE! A hibachi dinner fundraiser was conducted last Saturday, June 17, to help the Elba High School FCCLA program raise funds to send several students to the national FCCLA STAR events in July. Nationals will be held in Denver, Colorado. Family and friends of the students participating in this trip came together to prepare a hibachi meal of steak and chicken along with fried rice, cabbage and veggies. Over 160 plates were sold and served last Saturday night. All the food preparations took place at the Elba Country Club. Cooks for the event are pictured above. They are: (front, l to r) Robby Forbes, Chris Hudson, Neil Grantham, LoWayne Parks, and Chris Moseley; and (back) Kris Smith and Rod Morgan. The Elba High School FCCLA sponsor is Christina Morgan. The hibachi fundraiser was deemed a deliciously, good success!

Alabama Legislature passes Safe Haven Law for surrendered infants

Alabama's Safe Haven law will soon provide even greater protections for surrendered infants following the Legislature's unanimous passage of a bill sponsored by freshman Representative Donna Givens (R - Loxley). Under the current law, infants can only be surrendered within 72 hours of birth at hospitals. Givens' legislation, House Bill 473, extends that period to 45 days and enables fire stations to accept surrendered newborns if staffed by emergency medical personnel 24 hours per day.

"As a pro-life Christian, this bill is an extension of my belief that every child's life is absolutely sacred and must be protected," Givens said. "We want mothers and fathers who are unable to care for their babies to have safer, more compassionate options to leave infants where they can receive care before going to loving homes. I am particularly thankful to the Department of Human Resources for offering valuable insight and feedback throughout the legislative process."

DHR, which oversees child welfare programs like foster care and adoption, was a key partner on the bill.

"Without a doubt, this bill will reduce the risk of harm to infants by giving parents more choices and more time to surrender newborns safely in times of crisis," said Commissioner Nancy Buckner of DHR.

"Representative Givens has done a tremendous service for our youngest Alabamians by sponsoring this important legislation and carrying it across the finish line. We thank Representative Givens for her insight and passion for these vulnerable babies."

Passed by the Legislature on June 1, House Bill 473 also permits the installation of "baby boxes" at hospitals and fire stations, enabling parents to surrender infants safely and anonymously.

"I am hopeful that any parent considering giving up a child will go to a baby box and leave the baby inside instead



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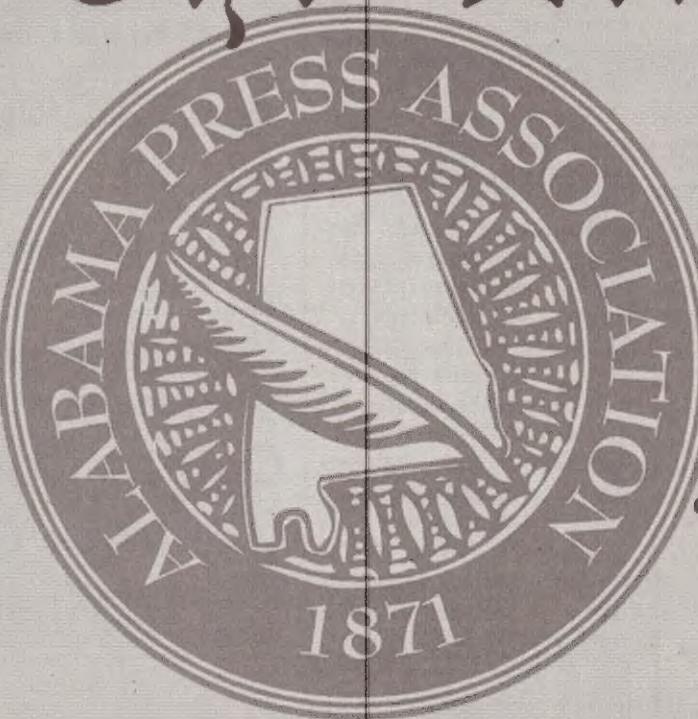
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SPORTS NEWS

Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

A couple of weeks ago our daughter Melanie was anxiously waiting for her young son Cannon to start crawling, and when he did she couldn't wait for him to learn to walk. Well, now that he has begun to walk I guess the next goal will be him talking with a large vocabulary. One day not that far in the future she will be wanting the world to slow down, but until then every day will be an adventure and a lifelong memory.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Dothan Eagle* announced its annual 'Super 12' high school softball selections recently and receiving honorable mention was Elba Lady Tiger first-baseman Emily Richardson. The hard-hitting senior led the Lady Tigers in home runs and knocked in a bunch of runs as she helped Elba to its first winning record in four years and a fifth place finish at the South Region, at Gulf Shores. Richardson was one of only two seniors on the Lady Tiger roster, and it was her leadership and effort that hopefully will lead the way for the younger players on the team to work hard, get better and lead the Lady Tigers to many more banner seasons in years ahead.

*** *The Alabama Sports Writers Association* announced its annual all-state high school softball picks recently with a total of 40 Wiregrass area players making the honored list, led by 1A state champion Brantley. Lady Bulldog pitcher Kaylee Navarre was named as the 1A 'Player of the Year' and continued the tradition of former Lady Bulldog standouts Alex Wilcox and Leanna Johnson to take home the top honor in the class, while eighth-grade slugger Alex Grimes was also a first team selection, eighth-grade pitcher Anna Claire Free was a second team pick, and senior Campbell Hawthorne received honorable mention. Brantley has dominated softball at the high school level for a decade, and with two standout eighth-graders on this year's team will no doubt continue that success for years to come!

Kinston also had two young players included on the all-state list with freshman pitcher Lilli Sumblin earning second team honors, and freshman teammate Camdyn Norris earning honorable mention. The Lady Bulldogs from Coffee County got better and better as the season went along a year ago, and with youth and skill on the roster you know better days are on the way.

*** *I read in an online interview* with AHSAA executive director Alvin Briggs that studies have begun to move the semifinals of the high school football playoffs to neutral sites across the state. With two semifinal games in each classification that would mean hosting a total of fourteen games at various sites, and no doubt staggering the dates of the games to match the finals the next week. Possible sites could include Troy University, South Alabama, Alabama State, Jacksonville State, and North Alabama, not to mention Montgomery's Cramton Bowl, Mobile's Ladd-Peoples Stadium, and the Hoover Met. I have always been in favor of moving the semifinals to a neutral site to make it fair to both teams, and hope the AHSAA will do its homework quickly and make the move as soon as possible.

*** *The SEC released* its much anticipated conference schedules for the 2024 college football season last week and according to the 'so-called' conference experts a major crisis was avoided and rivalries between many teams were preserved. The announcement was one of great interest to coaches and fans due to the fact the league will grow from 14 to 16 teams in the 2024 season because of the addition of Texas and Oklahoma, and because league officials made it clear they wanted to avoid sending any teams back to a location they traveled to in 2023, and to keep all sixteen schedules balanced. The '24 conference schedule for Alabama will include both teams that were in last season's SEC finals with a home game against Georgia and a road trip to LSU, as well road games at Tennessee, Vanderbilt and Oklahoma, and home games against Missouri, Auburn and South Carolina. With the schedule change, former Western Division rivals such as Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Texas A & M and Arkansas will now dot the schedule every other season. Auburn probably wasn't as happy as Tide fans since the Tigers will hit the road for games against both Alabama and Georgia, even though the other two road games will not be anywhere as tough against Kentucky and Missouri. Home games will include Arkansas, Vanderbilt, Oklahoma and Texas A & M. Gone from the schedule in '24 will be former West division foes LSU, Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Texas A & M. While there is not an easy schedule on the list, local sportswriters for all the teams as well as fans will no doubt sing the blues. Yep, football season will be just as interesting as ever!

*** *In closing....* In the Mularz household we don't have to look for a reason to celebrate in the months of May and June, since my birthday and Mother's Day both fall in May, and this year my wife's birthday and Father's Day came only one day apart. We really aren't big on parties, but do combine the special occasions each month and try to at least let someone else do the cooking by going out to eat. Maybe if we could find another holiday in one of the months we could maybe find someone to help clean the house and cut the grass.

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Navarre named 'Player of the Year'

Brantley dominates all-state softball picks

The Alabama Sports Writers Association announced its 2023 'All-State' high school softball selections last week and named the 'Player of the Year' in Class 1A was Brantley Lady Bulldog pitcher Kaylee Navarre.

Navarre, a senior, pitched in 36 games this season in leading the Lady Bulldogs to the Class 1A state championship and posted a 24-10 record. She had a 2.20 earned run average and allowed 90 hits and 76 walks in 175 innings, while recording 338 strikeouts. At the plate, Navarre batted .378, with a .483 on-base percentage. She blasted 4 home runs, eight doubles and one triple, scored 31 runs and knocked in 38 runs. She was successful on 21 of 23 stolen base attempts, drew 19 bases on balls and struck out only nine times.

Joining Navarre as a first team all-state selection was eighth-grade standout Alex Grimes. Grimes, a catcher/pitcher, batted .467 and had an on-base percentage of .564. She hit 13 home runs, 17 doubles and 5 triples, knocked in 58 runs and scored 60 runs. She was 41 of 43 on stolen base attempts, drew 25 bases on balls and struck out only 12 times. In six pitching appearances, the talented Lady Bulldog posted a 2-0 record with a 0.00 earned run average. She logged 14 innings inside the pitching circle and struck out 27 batters.

Named 'Second Team' all-state in Class 1A were Brantley's Anna Claire Free and sophomore pitcher Lilli Sumblin. Other area players



KAYLEE NAVARRE was named the Class 1A 'Player of the Year' last week by state sportswriters.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

included on the 'All-State' list included:

(Class 7A) 1st team – Georgia Lessman, senior, outfielder, Enterprise; Honorable Mention – Skylar Frey, junior, pitcher, Enterprise.

(Class 5A) 1st Team – Maddie Williams, sophomore, infielder, Rehobeth; Gracie Alberson, senior, outfielder, Rehobeth; 2nd Team – MyKala Worley, senior, outfielder, Carroll; Lizza Varnum, senior, outfielder, Headland.

(Class 4A) 1st Team – Emily Adams, freshman, pitcher, Houston Academy; Mary Suzan Aman, junior, outfielder, Houston Academy; 2nd Team – Gracie Ward, junior, outfielder, Slocumb; Makaley Boswell, senior, designated hitter, Geneva; Honorable Mention – Ansleigh Smith, junior, catcher, Houston Academy.

(Class 3A) 1st Team – Savannah Money, senior, pitcher, Ashford; Reese Cauley, junior, designated hitter, Opp; Honorable Mention – Caroline Courson, senior, pitcher, Opp; Raeleigh Jordan, senior, outfielder, Ashford.

(Class 2A) 1st Team – Ellie Cox, freshman, pitcher, Kinston.

pitcher, Wicksburg; Ainsey Watts, senior, catcher, G.W. Long; Megan Cochran, senior, infielder, Wicksburg; Ally Whitehead, junior, utility, G.W. Long; 2nd Team – Caylee Johnson, senior, pitcher, Samson; Chloe Joyner, freshman, pitcher, Wicksburg; Kaydee Phillips, senior, infielder, Ariton; Ella Grace Kelley, sophomore, infielder, Wicksburg; Makayla Phillips, senior, outfielder, G.W. Long; Honorable Mention – Lacey Kelley, sophomore, pitcher, Luverne; Zyan Peterson, junior, outfielder, Luverne; Hitter of the Year – Megan Cochran, senior, Wicksburg.

(Class 1A) 1st Team – Kaylee Navarre, senior, pitcher, Brantley; Alex Grimes, eighth-grader, designated hitter, Brantley; 2nd Team – Lilli Sumblin, freshman, pitcher, Kinston; Anna Claire Free, eighth-grader, utility, Brantley; Honorable Mention – Campbell Hawthorne, senior, infielder, Brantley; Camdyn Norris, freshman, infielder, Kinston; Elizabeth Cross, senior, utility, Red Level; Player of the Year – Kaylee Navarre, senior, Brantley.



ALEX GRIMES, an 8th grader at Brantley, was named 1st team All-State softball in Class 1A.

(Photo by Cody Nichols)

Lady Tiger Emily Richardson is honorable mention 'Super 12' high school softball pick

The *Dothan Eagle* announced its 2023 'Super 12' high school softball selections recently with Elba's Emily Richardson receiving honorable mention on the elite list.

Richardson, a senior, first-baseman, batted .443 with an on-base percentage of .528 during the season to

help lead the Lady Tigers to a runner-up spot in the area and a fifth place finish at the South Region. She had 19 singles, 4 doubles, 1 triple and 3 home runs as the Lady Tiger cleanup batter, and collected 23 runs batted in, while scoring 27 runs.

"Emily really stepped up this season as both a ball player and a team leader," stated Elba Lady



EMILY RICHARDSON, a senior at Elba, was an HM pick on the 'Super 12' prep softball team.

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Local youth baseball teams to compete in DYB Division II State Tournaments

The local area will be represented by three different teams in Headland, Ala. DYB Division II AA (8U) Coach Pitch teams in the Dixie Youth Baseball (DYB) Division II tourney will include the District 9 runner up team from Kinston and District 9 third place team from New Brockton. See State Tournaments, set to begin Friday morning, June 23, Elba while the DYB Division II Ozone (12U) tourney

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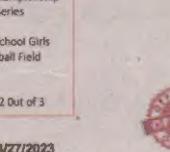
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